Indo-French Agreement on induction of technology for management of drinking water supply

1120. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have entered into an agreement with the French Government for induction of technology for management of drinking water supply especially in problem villages, re-cycling of used water, conservation of water for use in agriculture and industry; etc.;

(b) if so, the outlines and time-schedule thereof and the estimated expenditure involved including the foreign exchange component; and

(c) what would be the share of India in the expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Electoral Reforms

1121. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December last, after deliberations with the Chief Electoral Officers, the Chief Electoral Officers, the Chief Commission warned about the misuse of official machinery and positions, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever for futhering electoral gains about the misuse of circuit/State Guest Houses for elcctoral purposes that a Minister be debarred from holding public office for a decade, if found influencing the formation of polling parties or location of polling stations and to ensure that once elections were announced, Government functioned scrupulously as a care-taker Government; and

(b) if so, the Action Plan of Government in response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) In the meeting of the Chief Electoral Officers in December 1989, the Chief Election Commissioner had emphasised that the use of official machinery and official position for political purposes should be avoided at all costs and that the Government should function as a care-taker Government. As regards the use of Circuit houses etc. during elections, though the Chief Election Commissioner had raised this issue in the meeting, no final decision could be taken. Further the Commission had sought the views of the Chief Electoral Offices on the proposal whether the Commission should recommend to the Government for amendment of the law to provide for disqualification of Ministers and debarring them from holding public office in the event of their having been found involved in the formation of polling parties or the location of polling stations. On this point also no decision was taken.

(b) The Model Code of Conduct for the guidance of political parties and condidates. evolved by the Election Commission already contains some provisions in this respect. The question whether the Code should be provided statutory backing or not, is presently under consideration of the Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed by the Government.

Transfer of officials before Assembly elections

1122. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission warned the States and Union

Territories in December, 1989 against violating its ban order on transfer of officials till completion of Assembly elections and stated that violation of the ban order would amount to Government interference in the process of free and fair elections;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details of transfers of officials since the issue of such ban order; and

(c) the action plan proposed to stop such interference in the process of free and fair elections?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information made available by the Election Commission in this regard is contained in the Statement attached hereto. (*See* below)

(c) The issue is under consideration of the Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed by the Government.

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Manipur
3. Pondicherry

} No transfers

4. Bihar—51 officers were transferred—Personal and Administrative reasons.

5. Gujarat—186 Officers were transeferred— These transfers were effected either in public interest or were necessiated because of closure of offices or expiry of tenure of posts. Most of these transfers were made with the approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.

6. Maharashtra—6 Officers were transferred. In the case of 3 transfers, were done in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer.

7. Madhya Pradesh—35 Officers were transferred. In the case of 20 transfers, Commission's approval was obtained.

8. Orissa—19 Officers were transferred and Commission's approval was given in 17 cases.

The information from the States of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan is still awaited.

Selling of surplus land by sick Mills in Bombay

1123. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sick mills in Bombay have sought permission for selling their surplus land;

(b) if so, the names of the mills which have applied before 30th September 1989 and the area envolved mill-wise;

(c) the number of such applications disposed of so far;

(d) the reasons for not disposing of all the applications; and

(e) the action being taken for their expeditious disposal?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) This subject matter comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Profit/Loss Accounts of NTC units in Maharashtra

1124. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit/loss incurred by the NTC units in Maharashtra during the last two years; and

(b) if losses have been incurred by these units during the above period what are the reasons therefor?